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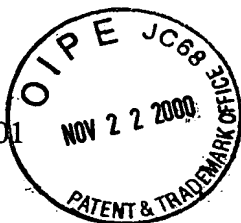
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Application No.: 08/765,901)

Filed: January 7, 1997)

For: CONCENTRATED SUSPENSION)
PRECIPITATION SILICA,)
METHODS OF PREPARATION)
AND UTILISATION OF SAID)
SUSPENSION)



) Group Art Unit: 1754

) Examiner: S. Hendrickson

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REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a suspension of action for three months. Applicants are conducting comparative tests which will be advantageous in advancing prosecution.

Should the Examiner have any questions or helpful suggestions, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants undersigned representative.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may

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be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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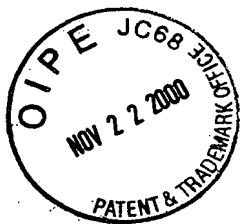
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Prior Application No: 08/765,901

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**REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUING PROSECUTION
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (Continuing Prosecution Application) of prior Application No. 08/765,901, filed on January 7, 1997, for CONCENTRATED SUSPENSION PRECIPITATION SILICA. METHODS OF PREPARATION AND UTILISATION OF SAID SUSPENSION by the following named inventor(s):

- (a) Full Name Evelyne PRAT
- (b) Full Name Laurent FROUIN
- (c) Full Name _____

This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

- (a) Full Name _____
- (b) Full Name _____
- (c) Full Name _____

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The above-identified prior application is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all other applications in the same file wrapper.

1. ☐ Enter the amendment previously filed on __ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.
2. ☐ The election made previously in the prior application does not carry over to this application.
3. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
4. ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 3 above:

| C L A I M S | | | | | |
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| | NO. OF CLAIMS | | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$710.00 (101) |
| Total Claims | 25 | MINUS 20 = | 5 | × \$18.00 (103) = | \$90.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | MINUS 3 = | 0 | × \$80.00 (102) = | 0 |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104) | | | | | 0 |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$800.00 |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee | | | | | |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE | | | | | \$800.00 |

6. ☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 800.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8. ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

10. ☒ Priority of Application No. 9408430, filed on July 7, 1994, in France (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ The certified copy of the priority application
- ☐ is enclosed
- ☒ was filed to the Patent Office by the International Bureau.
- ☐ has not yet been filed.
11. ☒ Also enclosed Petition for Extension of Time & Request for Suspension of Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(b).
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Norman H. Stepno.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent .
- d. ☐ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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